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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
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VALERIE HARR Director

A.P.,

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

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OAL DKT, NO. HMA 10610-15

HORIZON NJ HEALTH,

RESPONDENT.

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and the OAL case file. No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is December 10, 2015, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10, which requires an Agency Head to adopt, reject or modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision was received on October 26, 2015.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. In a thorough and well-reasoned decision, the ALJ affirmed Horizon NJ Health's denial of payment

for the drug, Harvoni. I find no reason to disturb that decision. As set forth in the Initial Decision, Petitioner does not meet the Drug Utilization Review Board's guidelines because his Metavir fibrosis score is not high enough to qualify for Harvoni treatment and he has already been treated for Hepatitis C with Sovaldi and Olysio.

THEREFORE, it is on this 3 day of December 2015,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming the denial of payment for Harvoni is hereby ADOPTED.

Valerie J. Harr, Director Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services